

Report to the Environmental Review Commission

Pursuant to S.L. 2014-120, Sec. 29 REFORM AGENCY REVIEW OF ENGINEERING WORK

January 14, 2015

Name of Local Government Unit: Town of Rural Hall

Approved/delegated program subject to reporting requirements:

☐ Sedimentation/erosion control

☐ Stormwater

☐ Water/sewer

☐ Cross-connection

☐ 401 certifications

☐ Other

Type name of person preparing report

Frank James, Town Manager

Type date

January 14, 2015

*Submit this report electronically to Mariah Matheson, Commission Assistant,
Environmental Review Commission, at Mariah.Matheson@ncleg.net.*

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*****Please attach any written procedures that may have been developed to implement the provisions of this law.** See additional information section***

☐ Check to indicate that this plan review program implemented procedures whereby plan reviewers distinguish between plan changes that are required by statutory or other legal authority and those that the reviewer offers as suggestions for improvement. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(b)(1) for further details about this requirement.

☐ Check to indicate that this plan review program identifies the statutory or regulatory authority for any revisions or requests for additional information that are required by the program in order to grant the requested plan permit, approval, or license. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(b)(2) for further details about this requirement.

☐ Check to indicate that this plan review program implemented procedures for local governments to follow when (1) a Professional Engineer submits a sealed design or practice that is not in the local government's guidance, manuals, or standard operating procedures, and (2) the submitting Professional Engineer requests additional internal review of that design or practice. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(1) for further details about this requirement.

☐ Check to indicate that this plan review program established a procedure whereby the plan reviewer's supervisor OR the approving/delegating state agency can provide further review and oversight of these design details. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(1) for further details about this requirement.

☐ Check to indicate that this plan review program either employs a Professional Engineer who can conduct further review of these innovative designs, or maintains a list of consulting Professional Engineers of the local government unit's choice that may conduct this review, if requested by and paid for by the submitting Professional Engineer. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(1) for further details about this requirement.

☐ Check to indicate that this plan review program established an informal internal process to address disputes when a plan reviewer identifies a change to the plans as being "required" under a specific, identified legal authority. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(2) for further details about this requirement.

☐ Check to indicate that this plan review program discontinued use of the word "engineer" in the job titles of all program employees whose responsibilities include review of plans in affected programs, *unless* those employees hold Professional Engineer licenses. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(h) for further details about this requirement.

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☐ Check to indicate that this plan review program reviewed the titles of all employees conducting plan reviews for this program. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(h)(1) for further details about this requirement.

☐ Check to indicate that this plan review program proposed revisions to those employees' job titles in order to eliminate use of the word "engineer" when publicly identifying those employees, if those employees do not hold Professional Engineer licenses. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(h)(2) for further details about this requirement.

Additional information:

The Town of Rural Hall contracts with the engineering consulting firm of Alley, Williams, Carmen & King, Inc. to provide engineering review of plans submitted for new developments within the Town. Professional engineers with that firm provides all reviews on behalf of the Town. The Town is not delegated by the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) or the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to issue permits, licenses, or approvals for programs operated by these Departments. Water and Sewer extensions are reviewed by Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Utilities, who operate and maintain the water and sewer system within the Town. The Town is does not currently have a Phase II Stormwater permit and does not have any State mandated stream buffers or public water supply watersheds located within the Town Limits.

As a result of the requirements contained in S.L. 2014-120, Section 29, we have directed our consultant to provide the required comment language as a part of their future reviews, if applicable. The Town has always had an open door policy with respect to project issues and any design engineer has been welcomed to discuss with town management any plan review issues in the past and going forward.

The Town does not currently have any employee with the job description of engineer except the designation of the Town Engineer, who is the Professional Engineer with our consulting firm that serves the Town.

In summary, we are of the opinion that with the directive provided to our consulting firm, the Town of Rural Hall is in compliance with the provisions of S.L.2014, Section 29.

Frank James, Town Manager